(c) what steps are being taken to safeguard the original documents of the assets of the CBWE (Central Board for Workers' Education) all over the country; and

(d) what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in the beginning of the constructions of the new building in the IIWE premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The documents which were not traceable were reported to have been lost during the floods in Mumbai in July, 2005. Now all the requisite papers/documents have been obtained from the Collectorate.

(c) The original documents of other offices of CBWE are under safe custody. The Head Office of CBWE is also keeping one set of property documents of all the lands/buildings owned by them.

(d) Retrieval of documents which were reported to be lost during floods in Mumbai, from concerned Collectorate took considerable time. National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), is in the process of obtaining approvals from Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) and Mithi River Authority and will start, construction very shortly on receipt of necessary approvals.

National convention of children

726. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated any plan to tackle the child labour in the country;

(b) whether any National convention of Children was held in Bhubaneshwar during the month of November, 2007 on Child Labour;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the recommendations made for the welfare of child labour; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the above recommendations in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has been following a comprehensive National Policy on Child Labour. It comprises of strict legislative measures, general development programmes for benefiting child labour and their families and project based action plan in areas of high concentration of child labour.

(b) No such Convention of children was held in Bhubaneshwar during the month of November, 2007 on child labour, under the aegis of the Union Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Bonded labourers freed

†727. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whther bonded labourers in the country have been made free during the last three years; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the year-wise and State-wise details thereof as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The year-wise and state-wise number of bonded labourers in the country made free have been given in the statement given below.

Statement

State-wise number of Bonded Labourers released and rehabilitated during each of the last three years and thereafter are as under

Year	Name of the State	No. of bonded labourers released and rehabilitated
2004-05	Bihar	281
	Jharkhand	196
	Karnataka	64
	Madhya Pradesh	265
	Orissa	19
	Uttar Pradesh	41
2005-06	Bihar	141
	Haryana	31
	Madhya Pradesh	38
	Maharashtra	6
	Uttar Pradesh	149
	West Bengal	32
2006-07	Uttar Pradesh	104
	West Bengal	93
2007-08 (up ro 31-12-2007)	West Bengal	88
	Uttar Pradesh	157
	Bihar	150

Statehood to Delhi

†728. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Proposes to accord full Statehood to the National Capital Territorry of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has received any request in this regard, so far;

(d) the steps taken so far by the Central Government to accord full Statehood to Delhi; and

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